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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**LANGDON MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL**  
**“SAWED-OFF” SHOTGUN CHARGE**

**Re: United States v. Scott Shepherd**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Keene Police Chief Arthur Walker, and U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins announced that Scott SHEPHERD, DOB 7/29/63, of Langdon, New Hampshire was convicted on July 7, 2003, of unlawfully possessing a sawed-off shotgun.

SHEPHERD entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Court's Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro to an information charging him with unlawfully possessing a sawed-off shotgun that was not registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. SHEPHERD was arrested in possession of the shotgun on November 8, 2002, after a dispute during which SHEPHERD discharged the shotgun at the door of a Keene man's residence.

Judge Barbadoro ordered SHEPHERD detained without bail pending his sentencing hearing, scheduled for October 20, 2003. He faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this office's commitment to the aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping unlawful weapons, such as sawed-off shotguns, out of the hands of violent offenders is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

The prosecution against SHEPHERD, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Keene Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.